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OPERATIONS (U)

Peacetime Reconnaissance and
Certain Sensitive Operations (U)

1. (U) Purpose. To prescribe responsibilities, procedures, and controls for planning and conducting peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations in the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) area of responsibility (AOR). This Directive applies to all commands conducting peacetime reconnaissance and sensitive operations within the USEUCOM AOR.
2. (U) References. See Appendix A.
3. (U) Explanation of Terms.
 - a. (U) Approval Authority. The organization or individual granting final approval for the conduct of peacetime reconnaissance or certain sensitive operations.
 - b. (U) Emergency Reconnaissance. Any reconnaissance operation conducted for the purpose of collecting information of urgent operational significance that will serve as a basis for warning of, or action to counter, imminent attack against the United States or its allies or major elements of their military forces. Within the USEUCOM AOR, emergency reconnaissance will only be declared by the Deputy Commander in Chief Europe (DCINCEUR) or higher authority.
 - *c. (U) Peacetime Airborne Reconnaissance Program (PARPRO). PARPRO is that portion of the peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations program which deals with management of airborne reconnaissance operations.
4. (U) Responsibilities.
 - a. (U) The Director of Intelligence, ECJ2, will:
 - * (1) (U) Review, evaluate, and take action as required to ensure the satisfaction of requirements levied on USEUCOM reconnaissance resources.

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*(2) (U) Establish procedures for the rapid validation of time sensitive collection requirements against targets of opportunity.

*(3) (U) Provide intelligence justification for reconnaissance requirements levied on reconnaissance assets under the operational control of the United States Commander in Chief Europe (USCINCEUR).

*(4) (U) Designate a single point of contact within the European Collection Management Office (ECMO) for all matters involving the support of peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations.

*(5) (U) Receive, collate, and provide to the Director of Operations, ECJ3, information regarding unusual or hostile reactions to operations conducted under this Directive.

*(6) (U) When appropriate or requested, recommend mission assessment revisions.

*(7) (U) Provide a representative to USEUCOM Reconnaissance Conferences.

*(8) (U) Ensure that subordinate and supporting commands conducting reconnaissance operations in the USEUCOM AOR submit monthly reconnaissance highlights reports in accordance with (IAW) the format at Annex B of this document.

b. (U) The Director of Operations, ECJ3, will:

*(1) (U) Establish and maintain a Joint Reconnaissance Center (JRC) to provide command supervision over peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations within the USEUCOM AOR in accordance with this Directive and JCS SM 401-82.

*(2) (U) Plan, schedule, and monitor peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations within the USEUCOM AOR IAW JCS Pub 6 Reconnaissance Reports. These reports are compatible with the automated Reconnaissance Information System (RIS) resident in WWMCCS. RIS is the primary method for planning, scheduling, and monitoring reconnaissance operations within the USEUCOM AOR. Components will participate in RIS to the maximum extent possible as it affords a common data base for all the functions and a secure means to communicate among theater operations.

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* (4) (U) Ensure the capability to advise, warn, and/or recall reconnaissance aircraft.

* (5) (U) Establish procedures to protect reconnaissance aircraft conducting operations under this Directive.

(7) (U) Coordinate USEUCOM staff review and approval of component command plans and orders regarding peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations.

* (8) (U) Obtain DCINCEUR approval and forward to JCS, as appropriate, all plans and schedules for peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations.

(10) (U) Make recommendations to DCINCEUR on imposing emergency reconnaissance and if approved, advise JCS and other affected agencies of emergency reconnaissance operations as soon as conditions permit.

* (11) (U) Be the single point of contact with foreign governments concerning matters of peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations conducted within the USEUCOM AOR. The following are excluded from this constraint: (1) coordination actions with air traffic control agencies, (2) NATO flight following agencies, (3) requests for diplomatic clearances in connection with operations conducted under this Directive, (4) coordination of routine operations conducted IAW approved international or allied military agreements, and (5) similar matters of a routine nature and which devolve from the execution of approved operations.

* (12) (U) Chair a USEUCOM Reconnaissance Conference to review programs, define and resolve problems, coordinate efforts, and improve the overall efficiency of operations governed by this Directive.

c. (U) The Director of Command, Control, and Communications Systems, ECC3S, will:

(1) (U) Advise and coordinate on communications matters affecting peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive

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operations.

(2) (U) Provide assistance in arranging communications capabilities suitable to the command, control, and reporting requirements associated with peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations.

(3) (U) Provide radio frequencies for use in connection with peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations on request.

d. (U) CINCUSAREUR, CINCUSNAVEUR, and CINCUSAFE will:

*(1) (U) Plan and conduct peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations IAW this Directive.

(3) (U) Submit to HQ USEUCOM ECJ3-JRC proposed schedules for reconnaissance operations to be conducted under this Directive.

(4) (U) Establish, within the component headquarters, a single office of primary responsibility (OPR) for administrative matters related to peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations. This requirement should not be construed to preclude division of operational responsibilities as deemed necessary. It does require that one office be designated as the command's primary point of contact if responsibility for peacetime reconnaissance or certain sensitive operations is divided among two or more offices.

*(5) (U) Establish procedures for continuous monitoring of component peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations and immediately advise HQ USEUCOM ECJ3-JRC of the current status of operations when reconnaissance reports are not received within 1/2 hour. A dedicated watch is not required. A continuous point of contact, knowledgeable of the current status of ongoing and planned component operations, is required. This function may be consolidated within the component headquarter's existing watch structure if desired.

(6) (U) Establish a capability to advise, warn, and/or recall reconnaissance aircraft under their operational control.

*(8) (U) Advise HQ USEUCOM ECJ3-JRC of any unusual or hostile reactions to reconnaissance aircraft or violations of controlling directives via the fastest available means.

*(10) (U) Provide HQ USEUCOM ECJ3-JRC/ECJ2-C intelligence justifications for requirements levied by the component command for reconnaissance aircraft operating under this Directive.

*(11) (U) Establish procedures to ensure prompt distribution of operational and intelligence data collected by their reconnaissance aircraft operating under this Directive.

*(12) (U) Provide a representative to USEUCOM Reconnaissance Conference.

e. (U) The Chief, National Security Agency, Central Security Service, Europe (NCEUR) will:

(1) (U) Appoint a representative to the USEUCOM Joint Reconnaissance Center to serve as a point of contact for matters pertaining to peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations.

*(2) (U) Provide assistance and advice to JRC on SIGINT aspects of USEUCOM AOR peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations.

*(4) (U) Provide a representative to USEUCOM Reconnaissance Conferences.

f. (U) The Commander, USEUCOM Defense Analysis Center (EUDAC) will:

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5. (U) Policy and Procedures.

*c. (U) General. Peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations within the USEUCOM AOR will be administered IAW this Directive, SM 401-82, and JCS Pub 6, Vol II, Part 6. Deviations from specified procedures must be requested from HQ USEUCOM ECJ3-JRC.

*(2) (U) Not penetrate areas requiring fighter support.

*(3) (U) If flown outside friendly radar coverage, be flown under day visual flight rules. If instrument flight rules exist, the aircrew will file an International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) flight plan.

g. (U) Rules of Engagement (ROE).

*(1) (U) Unless otherwise directed, USEUCOM Directive 55-47 will govern the ROE for peacetime reconnaissance and other sensitive operations within the USEUCOM AOR.

*(2) (U) Operations will be conducted in strict accord with approved CONOPS and will be executed as planned and scheduled. Deviations from approved tracks require the specific approval of HQ USEUCOM ECJ3-JRC. However, deviations to avoid temporary restricted danger areas, warning areas, or severe weather along the intended track are authorized at the discretion of the on-scene commander. No deviation will result in a reduced closest point of approach (CPA) to any sensitive country or area. All deviations will be reported promptly IAW JCS Pub 6, Vol II, Part 6.

*(a) (U) Safety compromises of any nature.

*(b) (U) When the geographic position of the aircraft is uncertain or when navigational capabilities have been degraded to the extent that accurate navigation can no longer be assured.

(2) (U) Sponsoring Command response to Condition One: Action will be taken at the lowest echelon having operational control over the aircraft involved and having knowledge of the incident or circumstances.

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*(b) (U) Ensure that an Operational Incident Report (OPREP-3) is submitted IAW paragraph 5j of this Directive and JCS Pub 6, and that HQ USEUCOM, ECJ3-JRC, is notified by secure telephone.

(4) (U) Sponsoring Command response to Condition Two:

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(9) (U) Sponsoring Command response to Condition Seven: No action required.

*j. (U) Operational Incident Reporting (OPREP-3). Hostile reactions or other significant incidents involving personnel or assets engaged in peacetime reconnaissance and certain sensitive operations under this Directive will be reported by OPREP-3 format IAW JCS Pub 6 (JRS).

(1) (U) Reports are to be initiated at the lowest command having knowledge of the incident, and will be transmitted using the fastest available means.

(2) (U) When voice reports are used to transmit the initial incident report, a follow-up OPREP-3 JOPREP JIFFY PINNACLE record message will be sent by IMMEDIATE or higher precedence as soon as possible. Record message traffic will be addressed as a minimum to the National Military Command Center (NMCC), the JCS/JRC, and to HQ USEUCOM ECJ3-JRC.

(3) (U) Initial reports should not be delayed pending receipt of additional information, but are to be transmitted as soon as sufficient information is available to define the nature of the incident. Amplifying reports are to be submitted as additional information becomes available.

*(4) (U) Reporting will not be delayed due to EMCON or MINIMIZE conditions unless in the judgement of the on-scene commander radio transmissions would hazard the aircraft or crew.

*(5) (U) If a crew aborts under emergency conditions, radio silence will be broken and international distress procedures will be used. Once the emergency is brought under control and the safety of the crew and aircraft assured, an in-flight report will be sent providing the aircraft's position, nature of the emergency, and crew intentions.

(1) (U) Codewords to be used during an intercept are:

*(a) (U) Make an immediate report via SAC GIANT TALK or other specified net IAW paragraph 5j.

(b) (U) Turn IFF/SIF to emergency.

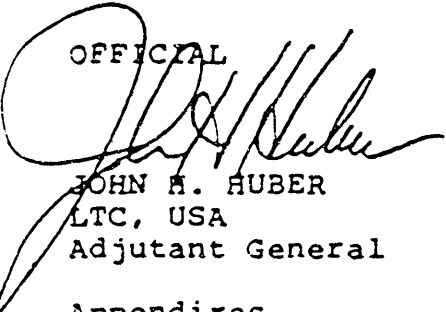
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(e) (U) Cancel the emergency condition if the fighter breaks off, but continue abort if begun.

*n. (U) USEUCOM Reconnaissance Conference. HQ USEUCOM ECJ3-JRC, will chair the USEUCOM Reconnaissance Conference when scheduled; prepare, approve, and distribute proposed agenda items when necessary; and coordinate hosting requirements.

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Appendixes

- A - References (U)
- B - Monthly Reconnaissance Highlight Report Format (U)

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Appendix A

References

A-3. JCS SM 873-81, Intelligence Relationships with Commanders of Unified and Specified Commands (U) (UNCLASSIFIED)

*A-11. ED 55-10, Search and Rescue (U) (UNCLASSIFIED).

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Appendix B

Monthly Reconnaissance Highlight Report Format (U)

B-1. Monthly reconnaissance highlight reports are required under JCS 401-82 and DIAR 58-8. Reports should be submitted to HQ USEUCOM ECJ2-C NLT the 25th of each month for that month's report. ECJ2-C will then consolidate all reports and submit them to DIA and JCS for review.

B-2. Required monthly reconnaissance highlight reports should be submitted IAW the format below:

Significant Item:
Mission Name:
Mission Track:
Date of Event:
Area of Event:
Intelligence Discipline:
Reported Event:
Significance of Event:
Classification:

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